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## Congratulations to your scholar graduates!

In May 2020, 14 of your scholars completed their time with the Walker College Foundation Scholars Society and began making plans for the future.

They were all active participants in the WCF Scholars Society and have an impressive list of community service activities during their time with us. We are so proud of these young men and women and we will miss them!

**Elijah "Eli" Blankenship** is a Jasper High School graduate and was awarded the E. A. Larry Drummond Scholarship. He plans to attend **UAB** for a degree in **Computer Science Engineering**.

*"It is with great pleasure and heartfelt gratitude that I'm able to express how grateful I am that each of our donors were willing to invest in me and the lives of the other scholars through the Walker College Foundation." - Elijah B.*

Scholars graduate  
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Scholar Graduate Kyla Beasley

**Matthew Gallagher** is a Curry High School graduate and was awarded the Murphy/Walker Family Scholarship. He is planning to attend **UAH** or **UAB** to earn a degree in **Mechanical Engineering**.

**Maria Hernandez** is a Curry High

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## Scholar gains leadership skills at Beville State



Scholar Grad Maria Hernandez

**Maria Hernandez** joined the WCF Scholars Society in Fall 2018 as a graduate of Curry High School. She started our program full of excitement, anticipation, and determination to succeed.

Maria's two years at Beville State were very full. She joined Student Support Services, Circle K, and Student Government Association (SGA). She was elected president of SGA in August 2019 and worked hard to make it a successful year. She organized club-sponsored activities like Trick or Treat hour for Pre-K children, student holiday events and contests, community service activities, and club fundraisers to help make the events more successful.

Maria believes in serving her community and she inspired other students to get involved with SGA and participate in community service.

What did Maria learn through her leadership role as SGA president? *"I learned that it definitely takes a team to make events work. I learned how to sacrifice, plan more effectively, be better organized, and be thankful for all the help we received no matter how big or small."*

In her scholarship thank you letter Maria wrote, *"Thank you so much for the investment you made in me. Without this scholarship, I would not be in college. Because of you, I am the first in my family to earn a degree. Having this degree made me realize that I can achieve my goals no matter how tough things may get. One day I plan to donate to WCF and try to give back what was given to me."* Maria is our inspiration!



Mayra Sandoval, Alexandra Jones, WCF's Diego Pascual, Maria Perez, and WCF's Lucia Siquina.

## Scholars work with local non-profits

Scholar graduate **Diego Pascual** and current scholar **Lucia Siquina** helped Capstone Rural Health Center administer COVID-19 tests to the hispanic community free of charge. The group also worked with churches to reach out to as many as possible by contacting pastors and broadcasting on the radio station, *La Jefa*.

*"Capstone has a passion for reaching out to the hispanic community and we loved helping those with a language barrier experience better health care service. This is one of the main reasons I want to become a nurse, and I'm so thankful Walker College Foundation is giving me the opportunity to do so."* - Lucia S.

## Scholars graduate from Bevill State - continued from page 1

School graduate and was awarded the Nicholson Family Scholarship. She plans to attend **MUW** to earn a degree in **Elementary Education**.

**Madison Bryant** is a Dora High School graduate and was awarded the George & Willie Averitt Scholarship. She plans to attend **Wallace State Community College** to earn a degree in **Sonography**.

**Daniel Strickland** is a Cordova High School graduate and was awarded the WCF Music Scholarship. He plans to attend UNA to earn a degree in **Music**.

**Tanner Uptain** is a Curry High School graduate and was awarded the WCF Walker County Schools Scholarship. He earned a degree in Machine Tool Technology and plans to pursue a career as a **Machinist**.

**Ingrid Hogue** was awarded the WCF Academic Excellence Scholarship. She graduated from Bevill State in December 2019. Ingrid plans to pursue a career as a writer and will attend **Reformation Bible College** to earn a degree in **English**.

**Anna Grace Martin** is a Carbon Hill High School graduate and was awarded a WCF Academic Excellence Scholarship. She will pursue a degree in **Elementary Education from Athens State**.

**Alexis Schultz** is a graduate of Cordova High School and was awarded the WCF Academic Excellence Scholarship. Alexis was working full-time when she decided she was interested in going back to college to study Surgical Technology. She will officially graduate at



Jordan Hadder, Jacob Cater, and Daniel Strickland ring the bell during the Kettle Campaign.

the end of the summer and will pursue a career as a **Surgical Technologist**.

**Kyla Beasley** is a graduate of Carbon Hill High School and was awarded the WCF Academic Excellence Scholarship. She is looking forward to earning a degree in **Healthcare Management from UAB** and then continuing her education in the **Occupational Therapy** program.

*"Thank you to every single person who has donated to this Foundation. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to attend Bevill State and meet other students in the Scholars Society. Talking to others with the same experiences has been very beneficial. Thank you for all you have helped me accomplish!"* - Kyla B.

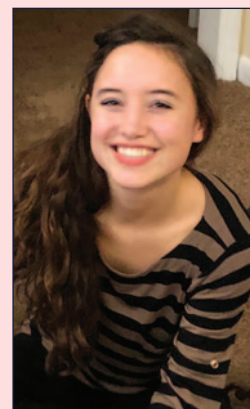
**Jordan Hadder** is a graduate of Carbon Hill High School and was awarded the WCF Academic Excellence Scholarship. Jordan plans to pursue a career in **Secondary Education/English from Athens State**.

**Jacob Cater** is a graduate of Curry High School and was the recipient of the first Ethan Bland Memorial Scholarship. Jacob is pursuing a degree in **Computer Science from UAB**.

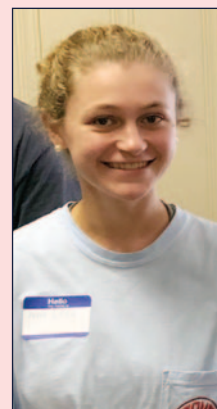
**Justin Levan** is a graduate of Dora High School. He was awarded a WCF Academic Excellence Scholarship and a WCF Nursing Scholarship when he decided to pursue a Nursing degree. He graduated from **Nursing** school in December 2019 and is working for UAB's Emergency Medical Services Department.

**Taylor Barton** is a graduate of Jasper High School and was awarded the WCF Jasper High School Scholarship. He plans to pursue a degree in **Computer Science Engineering from UAH**.

For those graduates who are transferring to a four-year college to continue their education, we offer a transfer scholarship to help them start their junior year. **We believe in these scholars and their bright futures!**



Ingrid Hogue



Anna Grace Martin



# Memorials and Honors

*Below is a list of individuals who have been remembered or honored by friends or family with a gift to the Walker College Foundation. Donations were made between February 2020 - June 2020.*

## GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:

### Linda Black

Holly Trawick

### Danna White Carraway

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### Brandy Hill's Birthday

Susan & William "Bud" Long

### Sara Catherine Murphy's Birthday

Kay Byars

### Sandra Saddler

Sandy & Belle Saddler

### Holly Trawick

Consensus Club members

**Your gift makes a difference in the lives of our students and our community! Thank you so much!**

# Curry High School alumni fund scholarships for seniors

*Classes of 1964, 1965, 1966, and 1967 help Curry High School Seniors attend college*

**Curry High School (CHS) Alumni from the Classes 1964-1967** worked together to raise funds to provide full tuition scholarships to Beville State for two CHS seniors. The scholarships, named the **Sherron Harbison / James Woods / Veterans of Curry High School Classes 1964-67**, were established to honor their fallen veterans and **the CHS Classes of 1964-67. Victoria Taylor and Madelyn Cagle** were the recipients of the scholarships.

**Sherron Harbison** graduated from CHS in May 1966. He played football and ran track. He was drafted in July 1966. His training was in Fort Benning, GA and then he went to the 1st Cavalry Division in Fort Hood, TX. Before going to Vietnam, he married his high school sweetheart. They were married for 320 days before he was killed on May 5, 1968. His widow, Carolyn Rivers Harbison Herr, noted that Sherron

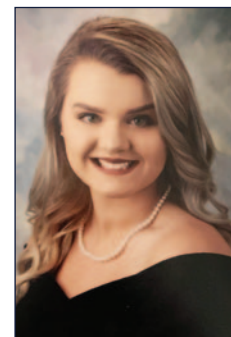
would be very grateful for this honor.

**James Woods** graduated from CHS in May 1966. He was in FFA and on the annual staff. He was voted Most Considerate in his class. He worked at U.S. Steel until he went to basic training in November 1967. James married Bobbie Faye Guthrie in 1966. They had one child, Tammy Faye Woods, who only survived a few days. He was called to service May 13, 1968 and was killed July 4, 1968. His remains were buried next to his daughter in Bennett Cemetery.

The first scholarship recipient, **Victoria Taylor**, will pursue a degree in **Early Childhood Development** when she begins Beville State. As a CHS student, she was a member of the Anchor Club, Key Club, Beta Club, FCCLA, FBLA, and was a Chamber of Commerce of Walker County Junior Ambassador. She was on the A/B Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance list.

The second recipient, **Madelyn "Maddi" Cagle**, will pursue a degree in **Nursing** from Beville State. At CHS, she was part of the BETA Club, National Honor Society, SGA, FCCLA, and SADD. She was on the A/B Honor Roll.

In her thank you note, Maddi wrote, **"This scholarship means so much to me. I will work hard to show how much I appreciate this chance. Thank you for making my dreams come true!"**



Victoria Taylor



Madelyn Cagle



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## Drummond Co funds scholarships for high school seniors

*Scholarships for children of employees and Tarrant High School seniors make a difference!*

Two outstanding students are receiving scholarship funds provided by Drummond Company for Fall 2020. They were chosen for academic achievement, service, and scholarship essays.

**Hannah Homan**, the daughter of Jason and Ashley Homan of Maylene, was chosen for the **WCF \$5,000 Drummond Company Scholarship for Children of Employees**. This is a one-time award that may be used at the college of her choice. Hannah is a graduate of Thompson High School where she participated in National Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, Color Guard, Leadership 300, Leo Club, Key Club, Peer Helpers, and the Prom Committee. She was recognized with the Marching Southern Sounds Senior Pride Award and was inducted into the National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society. Hannah volunteers with Big Brothers Big Sisters, Manna Ministries, her local library, City Fest, and Camp Hope summer camp for foster children. She helped organize an Angel Tree for her church and went Christmas Caroling with

children from Meadow View Elementary. Hannah plans to pursue a career in **Psychology** and will attend **Troy University**.

Quardell Moore, the grandson of Parker and Hattie Moore of Tarrant, has been awarded the **WCF \$10,000 Drummond ABC Coke Scholarship for Tarrant High School**. This is a one-time award to the college of his choice and is divided across his undergraduate studies. Quardell is a graduate of Tarrant High School where he participated in Senior Student Led Government (Secretary), FBLA, and National Honor Society. He was recognized for Perfect Attendance. He volunteers with his church. Quardell earned 41 college credit hours through dual-enrollment classes at Jefferson State Community College. He completed short-term certificates in Industrial Technology, Automated/Automotive Manufacturing Technology, and Electronics Technology. Quardell was offered \$1.3 million in scholarship funds from 37 colleges. He will attend **Alabama A&M University**.



**Quardell Moore**



**Hannah Homan**